

House Resolution No. 2599

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State businesses which have demonstrated exceptional commitment to local communities and neighborhoods throughout their long histories of commercial service; and

Whereas, R&R Ace has attained considerable distinction as a retail establishment which has garnered accolades and honors as the recipient of an Outstanding Achievement Award in light of its seventy years of service to consumers; and

Whereas, R&R Ace was presented with its Outstanding Achievement Award plaque at an awards ceremony conducted on March 29, 2003, at the St. Clair Elks Lodge by the St. Clair Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, founded in 1932 by Roy and Rita Parks, R&R Ace was first known as R&R Store and filled with 400 square feet of candy, toys, and notions; and

Whereas, by 1962 R&R Store had been joined by the son of Roy and Rita, Paul Parks; moved into a 4,000 square foot facility; and expanded its product line to include stationery, toiletries, and housewares; and

Whereas, in 1975 R&R Store became R&R Center, a 14,000 square foot extravaganza of all of the older products plus new lines of clothing and fabric; and

Whereas, today's R&R Ace is operated by Roy and Rita's grandchildren, Tom Parks and Patti Parks, as a 28,000 square foot store with a full complement of hardware, paint, electrical, and plumbing supplies; a 10,000 square foot courtyard of plants and lawn decor; and all of the other items for which it has been known down through the years, including toys:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of R&R Ace for the Outstanding Achievement Award from the St. Clair Area Chamber of Commerce and to convey to its owners and employees this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of R&R Ace of St. Clair, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2599, adopted May 7, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker